

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level 1 • Unit 6 • Week 2

JACOB'S DREAM

OBJECTIVE:

To show how God reached out and began a personal relationship with Jacob.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Ask: Does God ever talk to people?

Say: God speaks to us through His Word—the Bible. All that He wants us to know is contained in the Bible. However, before the Bible was written, sometimes God did talk to people.

Ask: Does anyone remember a story from the Bible where God talked to someone? [Possible answers: Adam and Eve, Noah, Moses, Abraham, etc.]

Say: At times God spoke to people in dreams and visions. He caused a person to have a dream to tell them something. Today we are going to read a story in the Bible where that happened.

BIBLE LESSON:

Do: Read Genesis 28:1-22 from a child-friendly version such as the New King James Version or International Children's Bible.

Ask: Why was Jacob traveling? [His parents wanted him to find a wife in the country his mother came from. But the major reason was that Jacob had to leave because his life was in danger! Jacob had lied to his father. He had cheated his brother.]

Ask: How did God give promises to Jacob? [In a dream.] How did Jacob feel when He saw this dream? [He was in awe of God.]

Say: God wanted a personal relationship with Jacob. He made many promises to bless Jacob and his children. He promised to give him a land of his own.

Ask: How did Jacob respond? [He promised that God would be his God and that he would tithe to God. Jacob wanted to change his life!]

LESSON APPLICATION:

Supplies: "Jacob's Dream" activity sheet
Brown construction paper
Cotton balls
Glue
Post-it notes
Markers

Prepare: Make copies of picture of "Jacob's Dream" activity sheet. Cut brown construction paper into the ladders strips (1/2 x 2 inch strips for ladder rungs and 1/2 x 5 inch strips for ladder sides). Each child will need four ladder rungs and two ladder sides.

Do: Give each child a copy of "Jacob's Dream" activity sheet.
Pass out construction paper strips to make the ladder and cotton balls for the clouds.
Have the children glue the ladder together in the space for the dream.
Glue the clouds at the top.

Music:

"I Will Call Upon the Lord" (*Great Praise Songs for God's Kids*, Word Music, 1995). As an alternate selection, sing the following to the tune of "Yankee Doodle."

When Jacob went to sleep one night, God spoke to him in a dream.
Many promises God made to him, and this is what they mean.

You will have many children; all people will be blessed.
God will give a land to you and you will be protected.

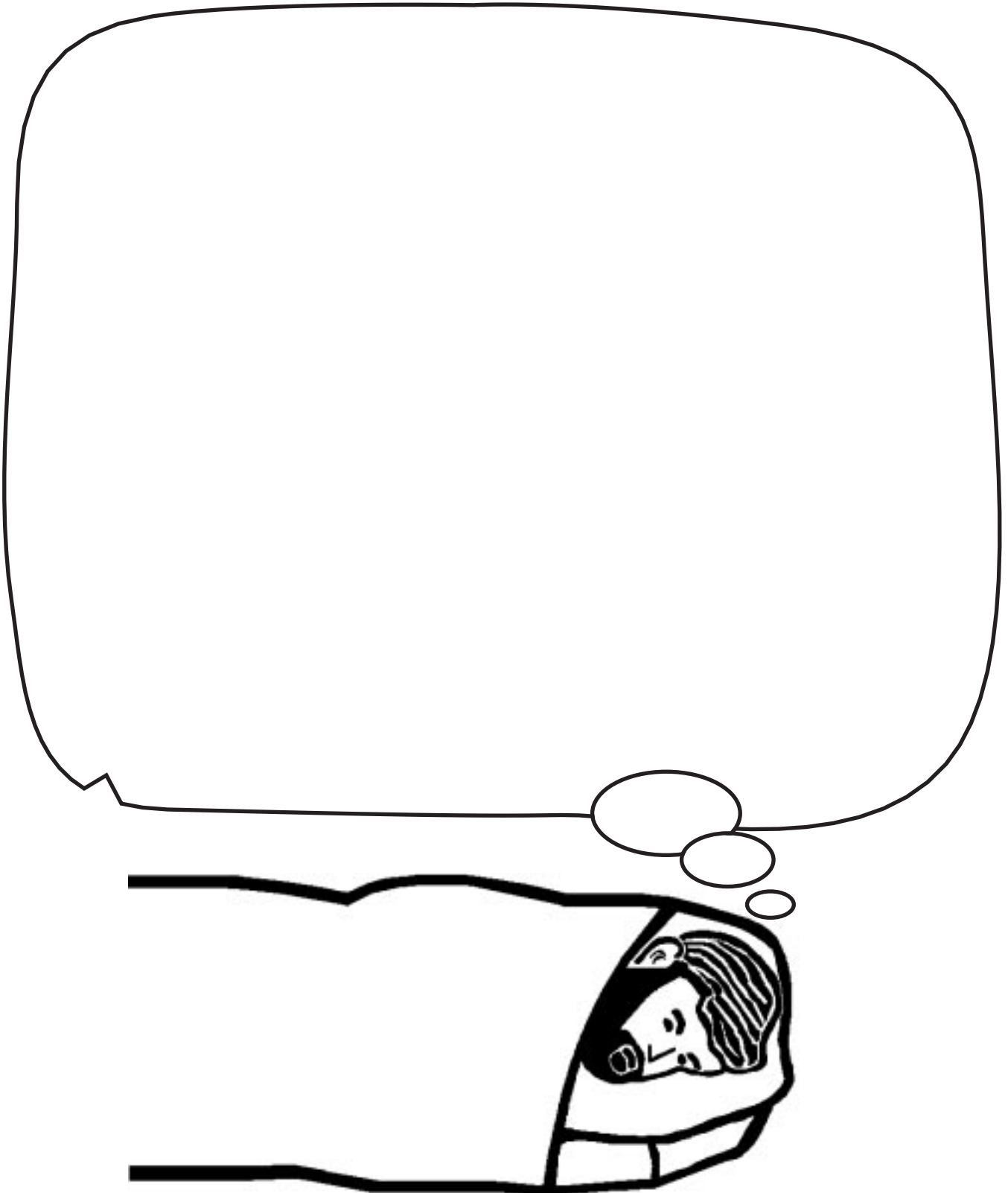
Jacob made a vow to God that God would be his God.
God is with you and will watch you where'er you may trod.

MEMORY VERSE:

Genesis 28:15 "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

Do: Before the children arrive, write each word of the memory verse on Post-it notes and hide them around room. Teach the children the verse by repeating it several times. Then play "Verse Treasure Hunt." Have the children find the notes and put the verse in the proper order.

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family activity

THE POINT:

The children learned that God reached out and began a personal relationship with Jacob through the story found in Genesis 28:1-22.

ASK ME...

How did God "talk" to Jacob?

What were some of the promises God made to Jacob?

How did Jacob respond to God?

Did Jacob promise to tithe?

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Have a discussion with your children about how God "talks" to us today through His Word—the Bible.

Discuss how we can have a relationship with God.

Explain tithing to your child.

Instructions: Cut the strip off the bottom of this page. You will see this week's memory verse on the back. After your child has learned the verse, glue the two ends together, forming a link of a paper chain. Each lesson's memory verse will add a new link to their chain of Bible knowledge.

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(Teacher's note: please write the memory verse on the back of this page at the bottom.)